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**Rep. Neubauer Responds to Speaker Vos DEI Comments**

MADISON, Wis. - Today, Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) announced that the Joint Finance Republicans would be gutting \$32 million dollars from the University of Wisconsin System's budget request, funding that would have gone to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives.

Rep. Neubauer (D-Racine) released the following statement in response:

"There is no logic to Robin Vos' decision to cut \$32 million from UW Systems' funding. Targeting UW for DEI positions and initiatives is offensive and will have far-reaching and detrimental effects for our state.

"Fortune 500 companies, major organizations across the country, [and even the RNC's Host Committee](#) have embraced diversity, equity, and inclusion programming. It is simply wrong for legislative Republicans to specifically target the UW System's funding for DEI.

"Without the proper funding and resources, we cannot expect our world-class universities to keep up with schools elsewhere. By cutting funding for the UW System, Robin Vos and legislative Republicans are putting the well-being of our state at risk. The Republican-led vilification of the UW System is extremely disappointing and must end."

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